

5 November 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: NSCIC Record on Action Requests

1. The National Security Council Intelligence Committee (NSCIC) was established by the President in his memorandum of 5 November 1971 on "Organization and Management of the U.S. Foreign Intelligence Community." The NSCIC held its first and only meeting on 3 December 1971 at which the members agreed to the establishment of an NSCIC Working Group under the chairmanship of a representative of the DCI.

2. A total of six actions have been submitted to the Chairman, NSCIC, all of which called for some response. To date no formal reply has been received to any of the six action requests.

3. Briefly, the actions requested were as follows. A more complete account of these activities will be found at Tab A.

a. Working Group request of 9 February 1972 for NSCIC approval of two proposed product evaluation projects, one on the India/Pakistan crisis and one of an evaluation of intelligence inputs to NSSMs.

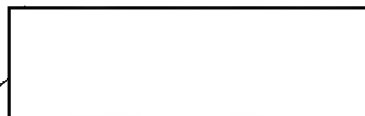
b. A request by the DCI to Dr. Kissinger on 24 February 1972 for comment on DCID 1/2 and its Supplement.

c. A request from the DCI to Chairman, NSCIC, on 28 September 1972 for policy guidance on the present scope and character of current intelligence coverage.

d. Submission of the NSCIC Working Group report on the India/Pakistan crisis study to the NSCIC on 5 October 1972 in order to initiate a discussion of major issues and problem areas highlighted by the study.

e. Submission on 16 May 1973 of the NSCIC Working Group summary report of the three crisis studies with recommended actions for issuance by the NSCIC as guidance to the DCI.

f. A recommendation by the DCI to the Chairman, NSCIC, on 3 August 1973 for reorganization of the NSCIC and the NSCIC Working Group.



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1. Request for approval of two NSCIC Working Group product evaluation projects:

Projects on the India/Pakistan crisis and an evaluation of intelligence inputs to NSSMs described to Chairman, NSCIC, in a memorandum of 9 February 1972, Subj: Progress Report on NSCIC Working Group, and NSCIC approval requested. Memo also requested any guidance the NSCIC might provide as to specific areas of interest on which it considered the Working Group could most profitably focus attention.

Action: On 16 February, the Chairman, NSCIC, advised the NSCIC members by memorandum of the Working Group request and recommended approval of the projects identified. The memorandum also urged the Working Group "to continue its efforts to design a work program that will assist us in all of our tasks." In the absence of other direct communication, the Working Group proceeded with the two projects.

2. Request for comments on DCID 1/2: As agreed by the Working Group, a letter was prepared and signed by the DCI to Dr. Kissinger on 24 February, forwarding a copy of DCID 1/2 and its Supplement and asking for his comments as to "how well you consider the listed objectives reflect White House and NSC requirements and how appropriate you consider the assigned priorities to be." The letter also asked for any proposals Dr. Kissinger might have as to addition or deletion of objectives, changes in priorities or other changes to improve the utility of the document.

Action: No formal reply received, although informal comments were obtained from Andrew Marshall of the NSC staff.

3. Request for policy guidance on current intelligence reporting:

By memorandum of 28 September 1972 to Chairman, NSCIC, the DCI reported on the results of a survey of current intelligence reporting by all elements of the intelligence community, done for the NSCIC Working Group, and asked for policy guidance to confirm whether the President and his advisors considered the present scope and character of current intelligence coverage was in keeping with today's U.S. security and policy interests.

Action: none.

4. India/Pakistan crisis study:

The NSCIC Working Group sent this study to the Chairman, NSCIC on 5 October 1972 for the purpose of initiating a "discussion of major issues and problem areas highlighted by the study."

Action: On 11 October, the NSC Staff Secretary sent a memo to the NSCIC members asking for their written comments on the study by 15 November in preparation for a meeting of the NSCIC.

The DCI replied saying that since the questions raised in the study were addressed to consumers of intelligence, he considered it inappropriate for him to reply. He advised that he would defer comment until the views of the other members had been obtained, and asked that copies of these replies be sent to him, at which time he would prepare a response from the viewpoint of the intelligence community. None of the replies were formally sent to the DCI, but General Thomas read the comments of Mr. Rush and Admiral Moorer in Mr. Marshall's office and reported on them to the DCI in preparation for an NSCIC meeting scheduled for 27 November, which was never held.

5. NSCIC Working Group Report on Three Crisis Studies:

A summary report of the findings and recommendations resulting from the Working Group survey of the Arab/Israeli Ceasefire, the Jordan/Fedayeen Civil War, and the India/Pakistan crisis was sent to the Chairman, NSCIC on 16 May 1973 under a memorandum from the Chairman, NSCIC Working Group, in which he noted that the recommended actions in the report constituted what the Working Group proposed be issued by the NSCIC as guidance to the DCI.

Action: On 23 May 1973, the NSC Staff Secretary forwarded copies of the summary report to the NSCIC members and asked for their comments on the conclusions and recommendations by 15 June, with copies to all members. She also asked the DCI to prepare by the same date his recommended plan for acting on the issues raised by the Working Group. She advised that a meeting of the NSCIC would be scheduled at a later date.

The DCI replied with brief comments on the proposed actions and noted that he would brief the committee in more detail at the next NSCIC meeting. The only comment received here was that of Mr. Clements.

6. Reorganization of the NSCIC and the NSCIC Working Group:

On 3 August 1973 Mr. Colby sent a memorandum to the Chairman, NSCIC, proposing four actions: name a deputy chairman, NSCIC (a consumer); appoint Andrew Marshall chairman, NSCIC Working Group and restrict Working Group membership to user representatives of NSCIC principals; add an economic representative to the NSCIC and to the Working Group; and have each NSCIC Principal name a deputy. 73-4025

Action: No reply received. Mr. Colby's MOR on the PFIAS meetings of 4 and 5 October 1973 note that Admiral Anderson recommended to the President that the DCI be named Vice Chairman of the NSCIC and that the DCI be named Vice Chairman of the NSCIC and done." Mr. Marshall has transferred to the Defense Department.